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1. LISTED IN A GROUP OF ATTENDEES WHO TURNED OUT TO WELCOME HOME THE ASIAN GAMES ATHLETES (NCNA ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 20), WAS PUBLIC SECURITY VICE MINISTER YU SANG WHO HAD LONG BEEN OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT. YU, WHO HAD BEEN THE RANKING VICE MINISTER, WAS LISTED WITHOUT TITLE, AND HAD NOT APPEARED SINCE NATIONAL DAY LAST YEAR. HE WAS THE SUBJECT OF RUMORS EARLIER THIS YEAR WHICH INCLUDED HIS POSSIBLE ARREST, ASSASSINATION, OR SUICIDE (REFTEL). YU'S REAPPEARANCE SERVES TO FURTHER POINT UP THE UNKNOWN CURRENT STATUS OF FELLOW-CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, LI CHEN, HIMSELF A REPORTED ASSASSINATION VICTIM, AND OF OTHER TOP OFFICIALS EITHER IN THE MINISTRY OR ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC SECURITY TASKS.

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2. TWO OTHER IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SECURITY VICE MINISTERS, LIU FU-CHIH AND TSENG WEI, HAVE NOT APPERED SINCE LAST YEAR; A THIRD, HUANG CHING-HSI MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED AND SHIH YI-CHIH HAS NOT MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE MAY DAY. POLITBURO MEMBER WANG TUNG-HSING WHO REPORTEDLY HAS PUBLIC SECURITY TASKS ALSO HAS NOT SURFACED PUBLICLY SINCE MAY DAY THIS YEAR. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL YET WHETHER YU SANG'S REAPPEARANCE COULD BE A SIGN THAT THE TROUBLED PUBLIC SECURITY SCENE IS GRADUALLY BEING SORTED OUT.

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